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MISSING LINK.
APPEAL IN CHINA.
SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION FROM
AMERICA.
New York, Nov. 4.—The expedition sponsored by the American Museum of Natural History, which will set forth for China next February, will search not only for fossils of the ape-man, regarded by biologists as the "missing link" in the chain of evolution, but will study the aboriginal tribes now said to be fast disappearing in China.
"We know as little about some of the living natives as about the fossil history of the country," says Mr. Roy Chapman Andrews, who will lead the expedition. "Long before the Chinese arrived, China was inhabited by aboriginal tribes, which were pushed south and west, just as the Indians were driven westward by white men who advanced across the American Continent."
"Remnants of nearly 30 of these tribes, such as Lolo, Mosos, Lisos and others are rapidly disappearing, and the expedition expects to study them before they become extinct."
Describing these aboriginals, with whom he has hunted, Mr. Andrews said they are totally unlike Chinese, having tall and slender bodies, long faces, parietal ridges, and other characteristics of Caucasian blood.
THE CRADLE OF MANKIND.
Mr. Andrews says that scientific men are now agreed in the belief that the oldest prehistoric remains of man, and of many beasts, lie somewhere within the Great Central Asiatic Plateau, where few white men have ever penetrated.
One of the reasons why little is known of China's fossils and those of interior Asia is that material of this sort is carefully concealed by the Chinese, who term the relics, "dragon's bones," and use them for medicinal purposes, said Mr. Andrews.
One result expected is the education of Americans in a knowledge of the immense continent across the Pacific. Whether success or failure meets the attempt to find the "missing link," hundreds of thousands of specimens of Asiatic animal and plant life are to be collected and brought to America. These it is planned are to be placed in the proposed \$1,000,000 Hall of Asiatic Life in this city.
Headquarters for the expedition are to be at Peking. The work of the expedition is to continue for five years. The first year will be devoted to studies in palaeontology and zoology in China. The second year the work is to be carried into Mongolia, with geologists added to the field staff. Then for the next three years the entire force will be scattered in widespread sections of Asia.

CHAUFFEURS JOY RIDE.
FURIOUS DRIVING.
TELL-TALE TYRES AND RADIATOR.
Before Magistrate Smith at the Magistrate's Court this morning, Mr. King, A.S.P., charged the driver of motor car No. 1, owned by the Kowloon branch of the Dragon Motor Garage, with furious driving at 9.20 p.m. yesterday. Mr. A. A. Wilson, assistant manager of the Dragon Motor Car Co., admitted that the defendant was in charge of car No. 1, but asserted that he was not on duty last night, when the car was driven by another chauffeur who was present in Court. According to the time sheet, the car left the garage soon after 7 o'clock and returned at 8.45. It did not go out again that night. Therefore the car seen by Mr. King could not have been car No. 1.
Mr. King was positively sure that he had made no mistake, stating that he actually chased the car through several roads before he lost sight of it. Then, aware that car No. 1 was owned by the Dragon, he went to the garage where he examined the car. Both the radiator and the tyres were still warm. The night was fairly cool. Therefore, had the car returned to the garage at 8.45 as alleged, the tyres, if not the radiator, should have been cool at 9.25 when he saw the car in the garage.
Mr. Wilson called the garage clerk to prove that the car returned to the garage at 8.45 and did not leave again that night. It was not possible for the car to have left the garage without the clerk's knowledge. Mr. Wilson added that while he did not trust the drivers, he trusted the clerk, and was sure he spoke the truth when he said that the car was back at the garage at 8.45.
Mr. King said that there were two men sitting in the front part of the car when he saw it at 9.20. It was quite possible that the driver was giving a friend a joy ride before returning to the garage.
Mr. Wilson said that that would not be possible without his knowledge, as it was the practice of the clerk in the Kowloon garage to telephone to the Hongkong office as soon as a car left the garage, also as soon as it returned. It was entered in his Hongkong time sheet that the car returned at 8.45.
Mr. King maintained that car No. 1 was the car he saw. The defence he said, could not get away from the fact that it was impossible for the tyres to be still warm at 9.25 if the car returned to the garage at 8.45.
The Magistrate decided to convict and imposed a fine of \$25.

DUTCH SHIPPING.
PROPOSED NEW SERVICE.
JAVA TO JAPAN DIRECT.
A plan to initiate a direct shipping service between Java and Japan is being discussed. In this connection, the Kōkumin calls attention to the opinion expressed by Mr. Kaning, Director of the Dutch Shipping Company, in an interview, who said:—
"Dutch Indies is anxious for commercial co-operation with the Powers, especially with Japan. The former country is thrown open to the world for economic expansion, while the latter is bent on the establishment of a foreign market. A direct shipping service between Japan and Java would, therefore, contribute a great deal towards the development of commercial interests."
"The proposal is being enthusiastically welcomed by all Dutch shipping concerns and it is hoped that the enthusiasm will be reciprocated by Japanese as well."
It is further reported that the members of the Dutch Japanese society will confer in the near future to consider the proposition.

WHITBY'S FAMOUS ABBEY.
EXPERT CHEMIST.
PLAN TO PRESERVE RUINS.
It is announced that an extensive scheme for preserving the ruins of Whitby Abbey is to be put in hand at once, and will probably occupy expert workmen for five or six years.
Earlier in the year the Abbey, one of the most famous of Yorkshire remains, was transferred to the ownership of the Office of Works. Enough of the church, north transept and nave remains to show how magnificent the old Benedictine foundation must have been.

THE DOLLAR.
To-day's closing rate 3: 11/16
To-day's opening rate 3: 11/16
STRIPPED AND BEAT N.
BABY'S ORDEAL.
ONE EFFECT OF "THE MOVIES."
Tied hand and foot with strips torn from his own shirt, and bearing traces of a beating with a piece of wood, a boy of 4 was found naked in a Salford playing field, wires a *Daily Chronicle* correspondent.
"It is one of the most remarkable stories I ever heard," a police superintendent told the local magistrates when Horace Cannon, an 11-year-old schoolboy, was charged with assault, last Saturday night.
On Saturday night, he said, the small boy was playing near his home, when Cannon came along took him by the hand, and walked him to the Bolton-road playing ground.
Here he stripped the child naked, trussed him up, beat him, and ran away. The baby was found by a man who was attracted by his moaning.
When the police traced Cannon he admitted what he had done, and said he did not like Wolstenholme because he was a coward. He added that he had "seen cowards treated like that at the pictures."
The magistrates remanded Cannon for a medical examination.

CANTON CITY.
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.
PROVISIONAL CHARTER ADOPTED.
According to the *Canton Times* Canton will be governed under a new system of municipal government by the beginning of next year. This change in the form of city administration was definitely decided upon at a recent session of the newly created Legislative Commission, which has adopted the proposed Provisional City Charter framed by Mr. To Sun, the present Resident Director of the Municipality and Director-General of the Board of Conservancy Works of Kwangtung.
The new city charter provides for a commission form of government composed of six members with the Mayor as the chairman. Each of the six members will head one of the following departments: Finance, Public Works, Public Safety, Public Utilities, Public Health and Education. The present police administration will be reorganized under the new Department of Public Safety, probably with General Ngai Bong-ping, the present incumbent, at the head of the new department.
The new system will be effective during a period of five years during which time, the mayor and departmental heads will hold office under appointment from the Civil Governor. It is the intention of Governor Chen Chiang-ming to introduce direct popular elections in choosing the heads of the city government after this period of five years, so that the citizens may be able to control their own government.
Besides the commission, an Advisory Board of thirty members, representing different classes of the population is to be created within three months after the coming into effect of the new charter. The members of this Advisory Board are to be made up of ten citizens appointed by the Governor, ten elected by the citizens at large, and ten chosen by different public associations, who will represent the merchants, labouring classes, educators, lawyers, physicians and engineers.
To guard against misuse of public funds, a special Department of Audit is to be created, the auditor holding office under the Governor's appointment.
It is expected that the new system will be gazetted and the appointments of the new city heads announced within a few days.

THEATRE ROYAL.
WARWICK COMEDY COMPANY.
"CAPT. DREW ON LEAVE."
There was again a good house at the Theatre Royal last evening when the Warwick Comedy Company successfully presented "Captain Drew on leave." It is a bright comedy, full of amusing situations which the company made the most of and which were readily appreciated by the audience. The plot, though by no means new, was well worked out. It concerns a husband who neglects his wife and is apparently surprised when she seeks diversion elsewhere. In this case Mrs. Moxon found pleasure in the society of Captain Drew who was on leave with the firm intention of enjoying himself. As a part of his amusement he makes love to Mrs. Moxon but later finds that the joke has gone too far. A household tragedy seems certain but explanations follow supported by a firm purpose of amendment on the husband's part.
The part of Captain Drew was admirably played by Mr. N. Thorpe Mayne. That of Mrs. Moxon was allotted to Miss Joan Mayne who made a delightful study of it. Mr. Frank Thorpe Wheatley was as good as Mr. Moxon. The minor parts were all well taken and helped in the general success of the piece.
Tonight the Company presents Oscar Wilde's "A woman of no importance" a satirical work which should command a good house.

Mr. Wakamiya, editor of the *Chunuo*, is responsible for the statement that Japan has no book worth the name of self-government, although she had that system for the last 20 years, a fact which throws a light on the national characteristics of the Japanese. Not only are they unable to invent systems and institutions of their own, but it is beyond their capacity to make a special study of those institutions they have imported from abroad, he thinks.
The only concern which the Japanese shows in civil administration, Mr. Wakamiya says, is in matters relating to taxation—at least those who invent the taxes do.

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SATURDAY,
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For the purpose of receiving a statement
of accounts and the report of the
General Managers for the year ended
30th September, 1920, and electing a
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DEFLATION PROBLEM.

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A Havas message says—
The crisis resulting from the necessary
process of evolving monetary and peace-
fully. Unemployment is confined to a
few lines, like the clothing trade, in which
prices had soared to a nearly inaccessible
height. The iron and steel industry is
gathering strength for the coming impetus.
With Germany having at last made up
its mind to deliver the coal which she is
bound to, with American coal now at \$15
a ton, c.i.f. French ports, and the prices
of British coal coming down fast, with
land transportation improving every day,
and sea tonnage now reasonably cheap,
and lastly, with the vast reserves of iron
at her very door, it may be expected
safely that France will soon occupy a
place in the front rank of the great iron
and steel manufacturing and exporting
countries.

MEXICAN OIL PERMITS.

WASHINGTON, December 11th.
The State Department indicates that, in
view of Mr. Coby's recent suggestion for
the formulation of a treaty to settle
questions under dispute between Mexico
and the United States, no further insis-
tence will be made at present for the pro-
tection of oil rights of Americans which
is considered necessary, owing to Mexico's
new exploration and exploitation permits
in the Federal Zone, which formed the
subject of a protest from Washington in
August.

U.S. CRIME WAVE.

LONDON, December 11th.
America is suffering from an extra-
ordinary crime wave. Five murderers
were electrocuted in Sing Sing prison in
New York in a single night. A general
hunt has begun in Pennsylvania for "fire
bugs" who burn down a dozen schools
and set fire to a score of stores and dwell-
ings. Several have been cases of in-
surrection in five mines. A crowd at
Santa Rosa, California, broke into the
goal at midnight, seized three men accus-
ed of murdering officials and hanged them
on a tree amid the glare of headlights
from numerous motor-cars.

U.S. IMMIGRATION.

WASHINGTON, December 11th.
Mr. Knutson (Republican), opening the
debate in the House of Representatives,
on the Immigration Bill charged several
foreign Governments with financing the
movements of European extremists towards
America. He declared that Spain was a
seething mass of anarchy. The Spanish
Government was dumping it in America.
Several representatives opposed the
Bill as oppressive towards lovers of
liberty who wished to seek a haven in
America.
The House, subsequently, adopted an
amendment limiting the embargo on im-
migration to one year, instead of two.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

PARIS, December 9th.
A Havas message says—
In an interview with a *Le Matin* cor-
respondent Mr. Leon Bourgeois, the head of
the French delegation in the Assembly
of the League of Nations and an authority
on international law, asserted his unshak-
able faith in the future of the League of
Nations, stating that the Argentine dele-
gation's accession should not be over-
ruled. A few members of the League are in
a hurry to organize the League along
idealistic lines. The majority, however,
believe that it would be safer to make it
first of all fit to live and improvements
will follow in due course.

SANTIAGO de Cuba, December 12th.
At a conference of the Foreign Minister,
the Foreign Affairs Committee's President-
elect, and the Chilean Minister in London
it was decided that Chile should continue
to support the League of Nations, while
the conference of the principles sub-
mitted by the Argentine Republic, espe-
cially in regard to the representation of
States in the Council of the League.

GENEVA, December 12th.
The Armaments Committee of the League
of Nations has considered the report of the
Disarmament Sub-Committee, which was pre-
sented by Mr. Fisher (Great Britain) who
insisted on the importance of the question
for the salvation of humanity. The Com-
mission agreed to the suggestion that the
various Governments be asked to curtail
their present Army Estimates.

WASHINGTON, December 12th.
In the Senate, Senator Walsh (Democrat)
has introduced a resolution requesting
President Wilson to appoint an American
representative to meet the League of Na-
tions Disarmament Commission. Senator
Walsh argued that President Wilson's re-
asons for not participating in the League
were absolutely inadequate. The country,
he said, favored any movement towards
disarmament. Moreover, America's
non-participation was open to misconcep-
tion, owing to the fact that the almost in-
conceivable sum of \$1,500,000,000 was de-
manded for the Army and the Navy.

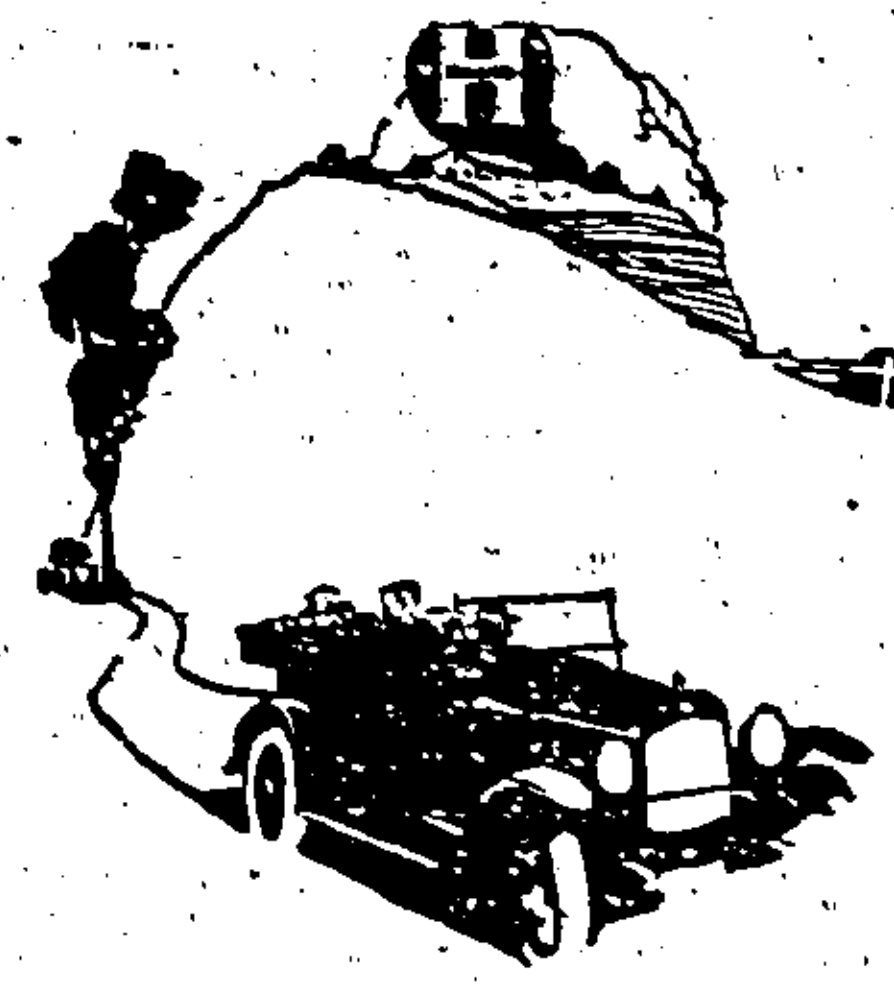
P. AND O. BANKING CORPORATION.

ALLAHABAD, December 12th.
The Peninsular and Oriental Banking
Corporation has offered to purchase the
Ordinary shares of the Allahabad Bank at
a price of Rs. 408 for the fully paid up
Ordinary shares, and Rs. 318 on the new
issue of 2,000 shares on which calls must be
paid by December 15th.
The offer is conditional on the holders of
the shares accepting it. The shareholders are
also given the option of receiving the
Corporation shares at \$100 each.
[The Allahabad Bank shares of Rs. 100
each have until recently been quoted at or
about Rs. 320—net to buyers—and the
dividend paid for last year was 13 per
cent.]

YARSPORT.

LONDON, December 11th.
At the Queen's Club, in the soccer
match, Oxford beat Cambridge by 2 goals
to 1.
At Roehampton in the seven and a half
mile cross-country running, Oxford
beat Cambridge by 21 points to 34.
Individual placings: Montague (Oxford)
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43min. 5secs. Seagrove (Cambridge)
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the Hon. J. W. Fortescue, calls atten-
tion to the pitiful pecuniary reward
of his vast labour in preparing what
is by universal consent the finest
military history in existence.

"I should have done better for
myself, financially," he writes.
"If, instead of devoting more than
20 years of intense labour to this
book, I had served for the same period
as a private of the Infantry of the line,
I should have been able to retire with
the first 10 years that I must have
abandoned the work in 1905 had not
King Edward taken me into his house-
hold as his librarian, and his present
Majesty continued me in the same
capacity."

Their gracious encouragement
aided me over another eleven years;
and I cannot feel sufficiently grateful
for it. Now, however, a new crisis
has arisen for me. Taxation and
enhanced prices reduce the incomes
of professional men practically by
two-thirds. The wages of paper-
makers, ink-makers, and printer's
makers, I am told, from £3 to £10 a
week. Those of the historian, whose
brain alone gives the printed page its
value, remain at their old level of
something under 14s. a week.

Henceforth, he says, "history is
barred to men, myself among them,
who have not considerable private
means."
He promises, none the less, to labour
on, believing "that the great tradi-
tions of the Army, which it is my
effort to record, are the true secret of
its strength."

The two volumes are admirably
written, full of instruction, and cover
the closing period of the Peninsular
War and the Waterloo campaign in
their spirited and invaluable narra-
tive.

The Hon. John Fortescue's revela-
tion in the preface to volumes IX
and X of his "History of the British
Army" that he would have done
financially better as a private in the
infantry than as the writer of this,
one of the finest military histories in
existence, has come as a shock,
writes a correspondent.

"The wages of the historian,
whose brain alone gives the printed
page its value, remain at their old
level of something under 14s. a
week," he says.
Some time ago he said he could
no longer afford to carry on with
the work as a hobby—for that is
what it amounts to—but his wife,
who helps him as a secretary, per-
suaded him to continue. She holds
that the history is so important that
her husband "must" continue it,
and to help him she opened a shop
in Knightsbridge.

She has now moved to Cintra,
Hampstead, N.W., where she carries
on her work as a designer of dresses
and a house (interior) decorator.
Thanks to his wife's determined
enterprise, Mr. Fortescue is proceed-
ing with his labour of love. His plan
is to bring the history up to 1870,
a matter of five more volumes, and
then, so far as it is concerned, to lay
down the quill pen which he always
uses.

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BIRTHS.

BOJESSEN.—On December 5, 1920, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Bojesen, a son.

LAGRANGE.—On December 7, 1920, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. Abel Lagrange, a daughter, Monique.

RAWLINSON.—On December 8, 1920, at Shanghai, to the Rev. and Mrs. Frank Rawlinson, a son, John.

MARRIAGE.

TECHAPLINE.—On December 7, 1920, at Shanghai, Nicholas Tchaplina to Marie Jeanne Lee.

DEATH.

McMANUS.—On December 5, 1920, at Shanghai, Patrick Frank McManus, age 51 years, late Chief Officer, s.s. "Walloua," the beloved husband of Evangelina Vieira Ribeiro.

The China Mail.

TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DEC. 14, 1920.

MIND.

Rather than that they should not read serious books at all, we would have the people read Henri Bergson, although we regard him as a thinker lost in a maze of words. To be told that "mind must not be interpreted in terms of activity and not simply of consciousness" does not add to our knowledge, nor clarify our thinking.

But thought is energy, and we regret to know that the majority of our people are not mentally energetic. To call them ignorant might be true, but such an accusation is not confined to the valley.

Reason can climb the heights. The enemy of rationalism does not climb heights at all. Down in the valley with the others he merely looks at and dreams about them. The "wide vision" of dreams is correctly appreciated by the commonsense of mankind. No fair synthesis is possible without a rational process, and when this Times pundit talks of a "conciliatory synthesis" he gives himself away in one word. Where truth is the objective, there can be no reasonable conciliation of the lower of lies.

We notice these contemptible remarks at such length because we have noticed since the war something that looks like a general conspiracy against rationalism. Reason is our constitutional parliament, and there are some tiny lawbreakers engaged in the silly attempt to blow it up. Two most conspicuous Guy Fawkeses are Hilaire Belloc and Gilbert Chesterton, who are both very busy trying to convert England—unsettled and undivided since the shock of the war—back to Roman Catholicism. Belloc has quite recently published a book with this object, Chesterton, a feeble champion, persistently works with jesuitical innuendo toward the same hopeless end. They pretend to defeat rationalism by appeals to reason. Both have attacked Wells' recent "Outline of History," a work we do not greatly admire, but we prefer it to the attacks. It is at least an essay in reason, while they are perversely unreasonable. If they took the line of professing a faith beyond reason, and merely testified to the efficacy of the faith in their own individual experiences, we should be silenced. There is no answer to such a postulate, which human experience tells us is actually excusable and respectable. But when they come against us with wooden swords and dummy guns, attacking the "validity of reason in terms of reason," we are compulsively engaged. We have already acknowledged with some shame that some avowed rationalists are irrational. We could find, for instance, no thread of reason in "God, the Invisible King," by H. G. Wells, whereas the excellent reply to that book, by William Archer, was compact of pure reason and logic. So that when Chesterton indulges in answer at Wells, our withers are unwinding as by the impudent nonsense quoted above from the Times reviewer. Chesterton in his last collection of essays has this about that:

"Materialism says that the universe is mindless; and faith says it is ruled by the highest mind. Neither will be satisfied with the new progressive creed, which declares hopefully that the universe is half-witted."

Now that is very telling as against the egregiously insincere Wells, the "god, the Invisible King," but it is in no sense a rational contribution to the satisfaction of mind, the honest searcher after truth. Mind never rules; it merely observes. The faith which speaks of a mind ruling the universe is anthropomorphic; its rationalism ranges with that of primitive men, who reasoned from inside outwards. If materialists say that the universe is mindless, they are equally stupid; but it is only Chesterton who says they say it, and he is given to rash assertions. The materialist may deny the ruling mind, if he likes. There is no evidence. But that is a different thing from the self evident absurdity of describing the universe as mindless, or of describing it as directed and controlled by some intelligence patterned and conceived on the basis of our human mind.

But what is the use? How many really think about such things? Most of us merely talk and argue about them, taking sides according to our inclinations and our predispositions. Real rationalism approaches them with that rare thing, the really open mind, and it operates regardless of the outcome, so that the outcome be or seem true.

HUMOUR LIGHTENS TROUBLE.

The classic example of humour lightening trouble was Tommy in the trenches, making a joke of the most horrid discomfort. The Americans, like the rest of us, are up against the High Cost of Living, and it is interesting to see how they joke about it. Thus the *World of New York* remarks that prices may be coming down, but they have all got their parachutes with them. The *Columbia Record* says it may be true that the profiteers will now get what is coming to them (American slang for Nemesis) but they have already got what was coming to us. The *Wall Street Journal* observes "that long time between drinks has nothing on the lapse between a wholesale price reduction and the time it reaches the customer." The *Buffalo News* says it is cheering to see a four dollar pair of shoes marked down from \$20 to \$17.98. The *New York American* has discovered the esoteric meaning of the

law of supply and demand. "We supply what the profiteers demand." And another New York paper observes that the man who postpones his wedding till prices get normal is liable to get normal himself. The *Pittsburgh Gazette Times*, noting that an American expedition is to spend five years in Asia looking for the Missing Link, thinks the chances better right there at home.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. Hennessey, Second Officer of the Indo-China steam "Kiangwo," won the 1st prize in the Hankow grand stand sweepstake, value \$19,400.

Mr. Frederic E. Lee has arrived in Shanghai to join the American Consular service, with the title of Economist Consul. This is a comparatively new department of the consular service.

The *Chao* states that four hundred fishermen have been lost in a storm off the Lu Peninsula. The high seas are preventing motor boats from making any search for them, and the shore is lined with anxious relatives carrying torches.

Chinese telegrams from Peking state that the Government is negotiating a loan for \$5,000,000 with the Chinese banks. Four railways will be given as security. The loan will be for five years at an interest of seven per cent. per annum.

As an incentive to big subscriptions the Minister of Interior suggests awarding the Order of Merit to the largest contributor to the Famine Relief Fund. The proposal includes foreigners and Chinese alike. It is understood that it has the approval of President Hsu Shih-chang.

Mischa Elman, one of the world's greatest violinists, will appear at the Imperial Theatre, Tokyo, on February 16 and later will give concerts at Yokohama, Osaka and Kobe. From Japan he will probably go to Harbin, thence to Shanghai, Hongkong, Manila, Singapore, Java and India.

A dinner is to be given at the Kam Ling Hotel on Monday, Dec. 20, by a number of Chinese bankers and merchants in honour of Mr. N. J. Stabb on the occasion of his impending departure on retirement from the chief management of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Sir F. Bailey Alston, H. M. Minister, passed through Antung on his return from England to Peking, and was met there by all the British residents, including Mr. Shaw, who welcomed him in a neat speech. The Minister returned thanks to the community and had a prolonged conference with Mr. Shaw. No Chinese or Japanese officials attended.

There will be a city evangelistic and health campaign under the auspices of the Christian Council of Canton from December 15 to 31. Dr. W. W. Peter and his staff is expected from Shanghai. Dr. David Z. Yui, general secretary of the National Committee of the Y.M.C.A. in China, will be one of the noted speakers at the service.

The following local weddings take place shortly.—Lt. G. C. Pelly, H. M. S. "Carlisle," to Miss C. M. Glasbrook, of Manila; Mr. A. M. Linsley, engineer on s.s. "Chak Sang," to Miss M. M. Williams, daughter of Mr. W. J. Williams; Mr. G. T. Byrne, Professor of Chemistry at Hongkong University, to Miss Ethel Reynolds, en route from England by s.s. "Kumano Maru."

Mr. John Findlay Reid, ex-Secretary of the Marine Engineers' Guild of China is shortly to be married at Shanghai, his intended bride, arriving there via Canada at the end of this month. Mr. Reid has numerous friends in Hongkong, especially among the members of the Guild who have a lively recollection of the arduous pioneer work performed by him in the formation of the Guild.

The construction of the Canton Tramway will begin soon, according to those in authority. The \$3,500,000 capital desired has almost fully subscribed; and some \$600,000 worth of materials for the proposed street railway have already been ordered. Judge Peter-Hing, the manager of the company, who visited America in the interests of the company, has returned to Canton, and is busy planning an early commencement of the construction work.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Morling are leaving Tientsin for England this week after a residence of 30 years in the Northern port. Mr. Morling has always taken a very keen interest in the welfare and development of the Port, serving the community for many years as Chairman of the British Municipal Council, in the General Chamber of Commerce, China Association, Race Club, Tientsin Club, as a member of the Harbour Conservancy Commission, and as a Director of many local companies.

SPORT.

UNITED SERVICES FOOTBALL.

"HAWKINS" v. "CARLISLE."

In connection with the United Services Football League, the above teams met on the Navy Ground, Happy Valley, yesterday evening, and played a very fast and interesting match before a large gathering of Service men and a sprinkling of civilians.

Winning the toss, the "Carlisle" elected to play with the wind. "Hawkins" kicked off and immediately started the offensive. Flood was easily tested by Webb with a difficult shot which he cleared in fine style amid much applause. From the save, the "Carlisle" got going and transferred the ball to "Hawkins" territory where McCarthy tested Jones, but failed to find the net. Catching the ball, Jones threw it out to Edwards who kicked it into touch. From the throw-in, Wilkins trapped the ball and sent in a long shot which skimmed the cross bar and went out. "Hawkins" continued to press, but nothing resulted. "Carlisle" then went away, but hands were given against Pavey. Wilkins took the kick but sent the ball wide. From the goal kick, the "Carlisle" again attacked and Brant had a shot at goal, but Jones turned the ball round the upright for a corner. This kick was well taken by Fawcett, and McCarthy headed the ball towards the net. It struck the cross bar, however, and went into touch. When the "Hawkins" next pressed, they were very dangerous when Webb was pulled up for offside. This gave the "Carlisle" possession and they carried the ball to the other end of the field, but again their luck was out, and the ball went behind. With only a few more minutes to go before half time, both sides worked hard for the opening goal, but the whistle came with the score sheet blank.

The second half opened with the "Carlisle" going away in a rush which the "Hawkins" defence found hard to stop. McCarthy drove the ball hard towards goal, but Edwards, who happened to be in the way, kicked away. The "Hawkins" then attacked, and helped by the wind, were soon in front of goal, where they gave the "Carlisle" defence a strenuous time. From a *maile*, the ball was sent out to Stewart who immediately returned it with a beautiful centre, which the goalie just missed. However, he ran out to retrieve his mistake, but Harris trapped the ball, and before the goalie could get back to position, had shot into the empty goal. A lot of midfield play followed this, and then "Carlisle" got away and McCarthy sent in a terrific drive which more by luck than design, the goalie, managed to punch away. Fast play followed this, and both ends of the field were visited in quick succession but the forwards always failed when in front of goal. After another spell of midfield play, Humphreys of the "Hawkins" got possession, and without hesitating, sent in a long dropping shot. The "Carlisle" goalie misjudged the ball, and before he was aware of it, the leather went over his head into the net. In spite of frantic efforts on the part of the "Carlisle" forwards to get away, the "Hawkins" continued to press, and forced several corners. From one of these, Barrett handled the ball, and things looked black for the "Carlisle," but nothing resulted from the free kick. With the "Carlisle's" next attack, Fawcett was very dangerous when he was heavily tackled by Russell, and in the fall hurt himself so badly that he had to leave the field. With the "Carlisle" playing ten men, the "Hawkins" returned to the attack. The "Carlisle" defence was unable to cope with the attack, and ten minutes from the final whistle, the "Hawkins" scored twice more, Wilkins being responsible for one and Dyer for the other. "Hawkins" was still pressing when the final whistle came and they retired winners by 4 goals to nil.

HONGKONG LEAGUE.

DIVISION I.

CLUB.	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.	A.	P.
R.G.A.	7	5	0	2	12	6	12
Wilshires	6	4	1	1	13	8	9
Hongkong Club	3	2	2	6	3	8	
Kowloon	7	3	2	2	9	7	8
H.M.S. "Tamar"	7	3	4	0	12	11	6
Hongkong Police	6	3	2	5	8	4	
S.C.A.	6	1	3	2	4	9	4
H.M.S. "Ambrrose"	1	3	1	4	9	3	
H.M.S. "Carlisle"	3	0	0	4	0	0	

V.B.C. REGATTA.

NEXT SUNDAY'S EVENTS.

The V.R.C. is holding a small regatta at Yau Tung in Kowloon Bay on Sunday, December 19, when the following Races will be rowed off—

Members' Scratch Fours.
Navy, Army and Club Fours.
Dragon Boat Race K.C.C. v. V.R.C. (Twenty in a boat).
Tub Sculls.
Sailing Races for Mosquito Class Yachts.
A Launch will leave Murray Pier at 10.15 a.m. and 1 p.m. with members, competitors and friends (Ladies

ST. STEPHEN'S GIRLS' COLLEGE.

SUCCESSFUL CONCERT.

NORTH CHINA Famine RELIEF FUND.

On Saturday afternoon last, a very successful concert was given at the Y.M.C.A. by the students of St. Stephen's Girls' College in aid of the Famine Relief Fund. Miss Middleton Smith, and the staff are greatly to be congratulated on the success of the entertainment.

The chair was very ably taken by Mr. W. S. Tso, and the whole programme was successfully carried through to a large and appreciative audience. Lady Stubbs was among those present.

Among the many items were Chinese and English music, singing by the School, accompanied by Mr. C. Sampson, and a Shakespearean recitation; while the central figure of the programme was the group of tableaux contrasting the conditions of the people in the North and the South. During the tableaux a poem was recited, composed by Mrs. W. K. Chung, formerly a student and now a member of the Staff of the College.

Then followed an amusing talk by Mr. R. H. Kotewall, who finished with an appeal for the famine-stricken area, after which a collection, made by some of the pupils met with a very generous response.

It is a difficult matter to pick out any one item from a programme in which all the items were so well rendered, but the scene from Shakespeare did credit to both pupils and teacher, while the Kindergarten and "China's Army," did much to entertain and amuse the audience.

The School singing was greatly assisted by the orchestra under the leadership of Mrs. Britton, and thanks are due to the Chinese gentlemen who so kindly and ably helped in the musical part of the programme, to Mr. Bowes-Smith for his admirable performance and to Dr. Fenton, who so very kindly stepped into the breach at the last minute, taking the place of another, who was prevented through illness from coming to sing. Mr. J. Teesdale Mackintosh and Commander Sampson acted as stage managers.

As a result of the entertainment the College will now be able to forward to the Relief Fund a sum of \$970.

CORRESPONDENCE.

LOCAL NEEDS FIRST.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Dear Sir—In view of the many different calls that are now being made for subscriptions might I mention that "charity begins at home?" Hongkong sends many gifts away, but are not some of them made at the expense of Hongkong institutions. Before going in for large and costly schemes why not first put the home in order? Is not the Cathedral in need of money, and also several local charities? Why not have a Hongkong Day somewhat on the lines of the very successful "Heather" and "Rose" Days that have been held in the past and let everybody make a special effort to try and help all local institutions that are in need of funds.

—Yours etc.,
"HONGKONGITE"
Hongkong, 14th Dec. 1920.

Included. Tiffin will be provided for those who book at the V.R.C. up to Friday at \$1 per head.

The regatta is one of a series of monthly races the V.R.C. propose running to keep all fit for their Annual Regatta. The V.R.C. does not bar the public, and those who are interested and care to come out and witness the races are cordially invited.

The Navy have a very good crew and can be seen out nearly every morning between 6.30 and 7.30. The Army, a raw combination, is coming on strong and will give a good account of themselves.

The V.R.C. crew comprises: A. H. Carroll (stroke), S. Berg (3) H. Dwyer (2), J. R. Soares (bow). The likely winner of the members' fours is May's crew with Marcal's crew second.

Dragon Boat Race.—The K.C.C. have a formidable lot and should give the V.R.C. a good race.

Mosquito Yachts.—The race out starts at 9.30.

BILLIARDS.

PALACE HOTEL EXHIBITION GAME.

An exhibition game of 600 up will be played at the Palace Hotel on Wednesday between Capt. E. B. Green and Mr. T. B. Golding. Both gentlemen are well known in billiard circles, and some interesting billiards should be witnessed. Game commences at 9 p.m.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

MEN OF THE PARISH.

CHURCH ASSOCIATION FORMED.

The formation of a Men's Association in connection with St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, was the practical outcome of a largely attended meeting of the young men of the parish held in the Church Hall last night when the Rev. G. R. Lindsay introduced the Bishop of Victoria. Suggestions had been invited by the Bishop for the encouragement of Church work and the promotion of a more active social life among the men of the Church. After discussion it was decided that the association should be formed with the Bishop as Patron, the Rev. Lindsay as the first president, and a committee of twelve with Messrs. N. R. Raitton and W. Jackson as joint honorary secretaries. Rules will be formulated and the association will be brought into practical being.

CURSE OF MILITARISM.

BANK OF CHINA.

CANTON BRANCH PRACTICALLY RUINED.

Under the heading "The Curse of Militarism," the *Canton Times* states—

It appears that the Canton Government, when controlled by the militarists, has practically ruined the Canton branch of the Bank of China. The Government, at different times, has forced the Bank of China to appropriate from its reserve fund of \$6,600,000 to secure the banknotes as loans for administrative and military expenses. Now the Bank is unable to redeem its notes because of the shortage of reserve. At present the Bank of China notes do not value at 50 per cent. of their face; and even the Government which has caused the depreciation of the notes is now refusing to accept these notes as legal tender for payment of public dues.

The Canton Government, under the new administration, has opened another banking institution; the Provincial Bank of Kwangtung, with Mr. T. T. Cheng formerly president of the Industrial and Commercial Bank of Hongkong, as its managing director. The new bank is wholly controlled by the Government and acts as the public depository, thus replacing the provincial treasury.

The Provincial Bank of Kwangtung will issue banknotes of a denomination of one, five, ten, and fifty dollars. The management has informed the public that every cent to be represented by its notes will be fully secured with a reserve. The first issue of \$1,000,000 is out and Government salaries and wages are being paid in the new notes. There are ten places in this city where these notes may be redeemed.

MAIL FROM HOME.

FAILS TO ARRIVE.

NEXT PERHAPS ON THURSDAY.

Many people were disappointed by their failure to receive letters from Home in the mail that was expected for distribution yesterday. This was not to be wondered at, as the mail did not materialize. All that was received was a solitary bag of newspapers.

The mistake that led the post office to advertise that a mail from Home was expected was due to a slip on the part of the Singapore office. Recently the Home mail, despatched from London on November 4, was received in Hongkong on the "Tanda." It appears that the Singapore office did not have time to put the Shanghai portion of the mail on the "Tanda," and kept it for the "Nippon." It is the practice of the Singapore office to send to Hongkong a cable informing it of the name of the vessel on which Hongkong mail has been despatched. In this instance there was a mistake, and Singapore notified Hongkong that there was mail on the "Nippon." The Hongkong office naturally assumed that it was bringing the mail despatched from Home on November 11, and advertised accordingly. The "Nippon," however, carried only the Shanghai mail, with the exception of a bag of newspapers which had failed to catch the "Tanda."

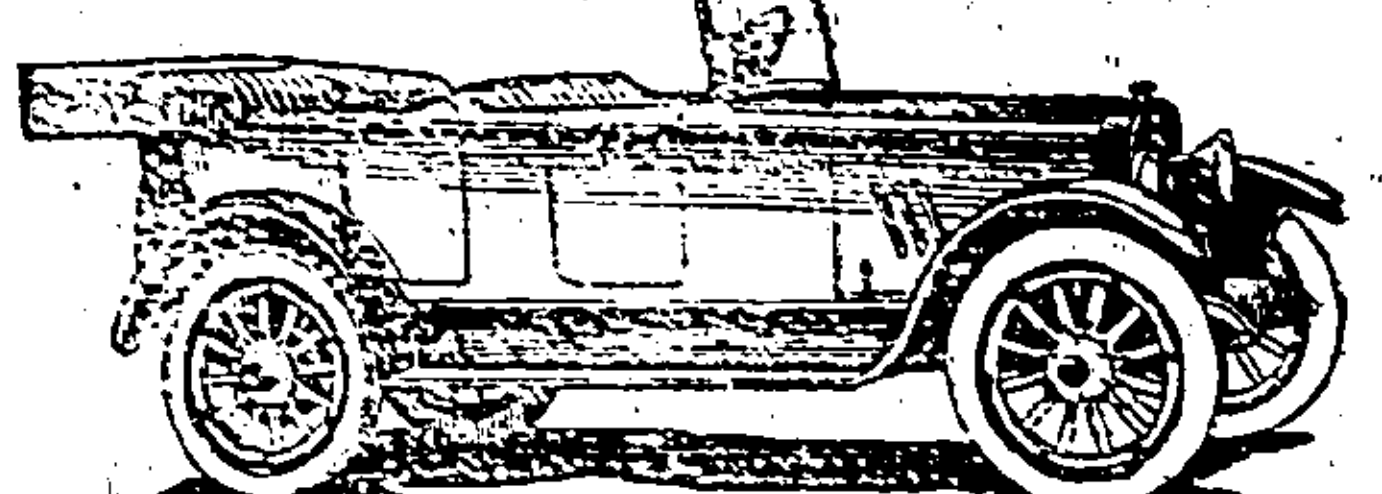
The next mail from Home, despatched on November 11, is due to arrive on the "Knight Templar" on Thursday or Friday of this week.

The "Laomedon" of the Blue Funnel Line, arriving to-day, brings the parcel mail despatched from London on October 21 and 30th.

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HONGKONG ART CLUB.

ANNUAL EXHIBITION.

The Annual Exhibition of the Hongkong Art Club was opened to-day, and certainly indicates a very marked improvement on any other exhibition held by the society in the Colony. Those members who assisted in hanging the works of art are to be congratulated on so tastefully arranging them. The main impression created on the average visitor would be the want of colour which is the most astonishing, as Hongkong is truly a kaleidoscopic spot on the earth. There are, however, a few exceptions to this rule which form a delightful relief to the more marked being the work of Miss Birinkova. Mr. Bion and Mr. Cole. Miss Birinkova is an enterprising and daring artist who shows originality in her colour scheme and technique. Mr. Cole has several very charming effects especially No. 231 "The Haven." Mr. Bion's "Sunset, Hongkong Harbour" is perhaps a trifle too brilliant but his composition and technique are good. His "Hymalayan Snowfield" is really a very good example of fine drawing and colour perception. Mrs. MacPherson has exhibited some fine work in figure study, especially may be mentioned No. 52 "Out of the Valley of the Shadow." Mrs. MacPherson's No. 50 "Junks at Night" is a peculiar treatment of a difficult subject which it is suggested would have been more pleasing if rendered in the spirit of Whistler. Colonel Loring has exhibited a selection of Wave Studies which leave one feeling the waves too cold and the foreground water too opaque. His pen and ink sketches of junks are specially to be recommended as he has shown great pains to produce details correctly.

The miniatures are very good and Mrs. de Fenis de Norcuit and Mrs. Bingham are to be congratulated on their very excellent exhibits.

Black and White.—Conspicuous in this section are Mrs. MacPherson's series of workshop drawings and Mrs. G. N. Humphreys' very fine works No. 9 to 15.

Oils.—This medium does not appear to be as popular as it might, and except for those pictures already mentioned there is perhaps Mrs. MacPherson's No. 8 and Mr. Bion's Nos. 77, 78 and 79 which deserve special mention especially No. 78 which shows a clever technique obviously copied from Stuart Park.

Decorative.—Mrs. MacPherson is especially brilliant in this group Nos. 98 and 99, being very clever and effective, while No. 101 is quite a French treatment of her subject.

Portrait or Figure.—Miss Birinkova is certainly the outstanding artist in this section and most of her subjects are easily recognised.

Water Colour.—This section is obviously the most popular in the exhibition and certainly Mrs. Britton, Miss Birinkova and Mr. Cole have some very striking and original colour schemes on view. Mrs. MacPherson's No. 176 is unique and Mr. Bion's sketches from Sussex are very pleasing.

Pastel.—Mr. Gourdin is the only exhibitor in this section and his works have a distinct charm if they were not so monochrome in effect.

Sculpture.—Mr. G. Hauchecorne's work is very fine and we trust to see more ambitious work from this artist.

BYSTANDER.

The judges of the annual exhibition of the Hongkong Art Club this morning made their selections. The award of prizes will be made this afternoon at 5.30 by Lady Stubbs.

The five sections in which awards are given are: Black and White, Oils, Water Colours, Decorative, and Portraits or Figures. Following are the selections of the judges—

Black and White.—First, "The Dryad" (No. 9), Mrs. G. N. Humphreys. Highly commended: "Fancy Dress" (No. 12); "Jade" (No. 14); and "Black and White Drawing" (No. 16), by the same artist; "Sketches" (No. 2), by Miss Birinkova; "In the Taikoo Dock" (No. 104), by Mrs. Britton.

Decorative.—First, "Dawn" (No. 96), Mrs. MacPherson. Highly commended: Poster for Three Arts Ball (No. 91), by Mrs. G. N. Humphreys.

Portraits.—First, "Smile" (No. 22), by Miss Birinkova. Highly commended: "Guvnor" (No. 111), by Mrs. Sorensen; "Portrait of Mr. J." (No. 118) and "Portrait of Mr. T." (No. 120), by Miss Birinkova.

Water Colours.—First, "Garden Summer" (No. 130) and "Tide Cove" (No. 134), Mrs. Britton. Special prize given by Mr. F. C. D. Gourdin.

"Old Botanic Gardens" (No. 146), Miss Birinkova. Special prize given by Mrs. Bion: "Sketch of Malta 1820" (No. 208), Phyllis Acworth. Highly commended: "Chalets Fenerstr, Switzerland" (No. 249), Mrs. C. B. Brown; "Peel Street" (No. 175), Mrs. MacPherson; "Baie d'Along" (No. 177), G. Hauchecorne; and "Sketch of Malta 1920" (No. 204), Phyllis Acworth.

BLACK AND WHITE.
Mrs. Birinkova—Blanc et noir, and Sketches.

Mrs. MacPherson—Ship building, Quarry Bay, In the Taikoo Dock, Sugar Refinery, Smithy—Taikoo Dock, In the Foundry, Taikoo.

G. M. Kingsford—Boatplate (designed from Teutonic tomb). "Mrs. G. N. Humphreys." "The Dryad" "Moths," "Minuet," "Fancy Dress," "Bacchante," "Jade," "The Witch, and Black and White Drawing.

G. Hauchecorne—Two illustrations for a Pekinese story. Lt. Col. W. Loring—Set of etchings and Pencil sketches.

OIL.

Mrs. Sorensen—Interior from Summer Palace, Peking, Temple of Heaven, Sketch from Temple of Heaven and Hoshigaura, Starbeach. Dr. Arthur de Carvalho—Looking towards Stanley.

Lt. Col. W. Loring—"Rain, Wind and Sea," "Bealmed," "A gale, Tigne Point Malta" and "A quality day."

Lieut. Col. W. Loring—Evening Cape Collinson, The N.E. Monsoon, The Storm Maidens, Evening Chung Hui, Evening Lamma Islands, Lyemun Pass from Cape Collinson, Lyemun Pass, At rest, Clouds Lantau, Fishing junk off Chung Hut, A grey day, Off North Point, Misty weather, After the storm, Hesitation, Nearing Home and In the Western Channel.

P. C. Bowen—Interior, Sunset at Lantau and Sunset.

G. Hauchecorne—Priests at prayer, E. Bowen—Above Sau-ki-wan, Storm Lamma, Hamiwan Bay, Sunset, View from Pokfulam, Sunset and junk, Dawn 20th October, Bathing Cove, Aberdeen from Mt. Kellett Road and View from Peak Hotel.

Mrs. W. Loring—The Verandah, Interior, Under the House, Hydrangeas Peak, Clouds High West, The Corner of the Wall and Chrysanthemums.

Mrs. Wyndham—Interior, Tiger, Tiger shining, bright, Landscape, Landscape and Still life group "The old Order."

Wm. Farmer—Chinese Bridge and Waterway in China.

Charles H. Cole—Joyce, C. W. M. Bion—Hymalayan Snowfield, Sunset Hongkong harbour, Sunset: Gulf of Suzer, Dumb-Bell Island from Conduit Path, Chrysanthemums and Drink Water Bay from the University.

Mrs. MacPherson—Junks at Night, Low-lying Mist and Out of the Valley of the Shadow.

F. C. D. Gourdin—The Rosary, Sunset, Moonrise, River Min, Fochow, Sunset, Amoy, in sepia and White and Hongkong by night.

DECORATIVE.
Mrs. Ian Macnair—The Gooseherd, "Every day when I've been good I get an orange after food" R.L.S., "Huan-tsu-lon" Wei-hai-wei, Joss House Wei-hai-wei, Hongkong, Sampaans, and The Cracker shop.

Mrs. G. N. Humphreys—Design for Magazine cover, Poster.

Charles H. Cole—Poster design Shipping Co., Poster design Railway Co.

Charles H. Cole—Poster design Seaside Town.

Mrs. MacPherson—Decorative Panel, Dawn, Art Club Poster, Girl with candle, Ghosts, The King of the Golden Isles and Ministering Children's League Poster.

Mr. Britton—Illuminated Title page, Illuminated page, two Book Plates.

PORTRAIT OR FIGURE.
Mrs. Wyndham—Portrait, Amah and child, Sketch of Chinese baby, Portrait Sketch and Sketch.

Mrs. Sorensen—Guvnor and Portrait.

Charles H. Cole—Portrait (map), Portrait (boy) and Portrait (girl).

Miss Birinkova—Portrait of Mrs. C. (pastel) Portrait of Mrs. J., Portrait of Mr. J., Portrait of Mr. R., Portrait of Mr. T., Sketch, Snail, Hermine and Piero Colombina.

Mr. Trambitzky—Portrait of Mr. L. and Portrait.

Mrs. Britton—Two Hongkong types.

WATER COLOUR.
Mrs. Britton—Garden Autumn, Garden Summer, Reflections Repton, Pinetrees Repton, Night, Tide Cove, Shatin, Shatin Pass, Stanley Bay, Autumn Sunset, Yorkshire Landscape and Lion Rock from Devil's Peak.

PASTEL.
F. C. D. Gourdin—Stormy Sunset Hongkong, Golden Sunset, Sunset (Kowloon), Eastern Scene (con'td) and Up River.

WIFE CHASED WITH SWORD.

MALAY HUSBAND'S EXCUSE.

MERELY WANTED TO FRIGHTEN HER.

Inspector Kent, of No. 2 Police Station, this morning charged an aged Malay, before Magistrate Orme, with the unlawful possession in Wanchai of a long sword.

The defendant, who pleaded guilty, said that he kept the sword as a wall ornament.

The Inspector said that yesterday afternoon, the defendant caused a sensation in Yue Wah Street, when he chased his wife with the sword. It appeared that they had quarrelled over the woman chastising one of the children, and arming himself with the sword, the defendant had chased her out of the house threatening to kill her. While he did not take a serious view of the matter in view of the defendant's age, at the same time, as defendant was known to be a bit unbalanced, he thought the sword a dangerous weapon for him to have in his possession. The Inspector suggested that the Magistrate would meet the case if he ordered the confiscation of the sword.

The Magistrate discharged the defendant with a caution and ordered the sword to be confiscated.

The defendant: I had no intention of using the sword on my wife. I merely wanted to frighten her.

C. H. Blason—Sunrise over Clouds, Fishermen, Deep Water, Morning Light and Turbulence.

Miss Birinkova—"Lauriston, Old Botanic Gardens, New Botanic Gardens, Big Wave Bay, Bowyer Road (2), Fine Trees, Old Church (North Russia), Old Park (Russia), Autumn (Russia), In the Country, Reflection, Interior (Lauriston), Interior (2), Fanning Ladies' Club, Sketch, Red leaves, View through the window (2) and From the Peak.

Mrs. Wyndham—View from the Peak: The Harbour Hongkong, View from the Peak: Hongkong and View from the Peak: Repulse Bay.

Mrs. MacPherson—Hongkong—Night, After Sundown, Night from East Point, Hongkong—Sunrise, Peel Street and The Clouds.

G. Hauchecorne—Baie d'Along, Chinese portrait sunset, Fochow junk, Kwangtung junk, Moonlight and Temple in Yunan.

Mrs. Ian Macnair—In Belgium and The Windmill.

J. A. Wilde—Blue and Gold and H.M.S. "Hawkins."

P. C. Bowen—Scenes on the Taikoo Road (2), Scene Taikoo Road (mounted on white), View from Peak, and Seascope (2).

Wm. Farmer—Loch Voil, from postcard, Silver Strand Loch Katrine, from postcard, Loch Lomond, from postcard, The Trossacks Loch Achray, from postcard, Ellen's Isle: Loch Katrine, from postcard, Loch Ard, from postcard, The Brook, The Stream, and River Scene (2).

Phyllis Acworth—Sketch of Malta 1920, (7)

Phyllis Acworth—Flower Street, Evening, Stonecutters 1920, Yorkshire 1918 and Singapore 1920.

Miss Margaret Sorby—Maple trees, Ottawa and Chute of Canoe, Charles H. Cole—The Rocks, The Cove, The Hills, The Beach, Lai-chi-kok, Sinbad sets forth, The Eyrie, Hydrangea, The Church, Islands and trees, Close of day, China Coast, China Sea, China river, The Study and The Haven.

V. A. Trambitzky—Mandarin's Dress, Palms, Nature Morte, Sunshine, In the clouds, Solitude, Church and Sketch.

C. W. M. Bion—View for Arundel Park, Arundel, Sussex, Lyminster Church from the fields, Sussex, Old Cottage Torrington, Sussex and Hydrangeas.

A. Kirk—The Bugler of the 1st Wanchai (Wesleyan) troop of Boy Scouts, Canton Lilies, Waterfall on the New Aberdeen Road, Kowloon in typhoon weather and Government House, from St. George's House.

Mrs. C. B. Brown—Chalets Fenerstr, Switzerland, La Tour Vevey, Switzerland, Rocks, Deep Water Bay, Evening, Lantau, Hill Path, Mt. Kellett, Aberdeen from Mt. Kellett, Trees Botanical Gardens, Above Saukiwan and Sunset over Lantau.

F. W. Vining—View from the Peak (2), View from Stonecutters, Repulse Bay, View from Bowen Road and Deep Water Bay.

MINIATURES.
Maude Bingham—Lieut. Bingham, R.G.A., Mrs. Bingham, Miss Little, Mrs. Percy and A portrait.

Mina de Fenis de Norcui—Etudes (2), and Portrait.

SCULPTURE.
G. Hauchecorne—Behind the old wall, "Alors le temps s'arrete" (Chinese priests), Blindman and his guide, The Gentlemen of fortune, Exchange problems, Enfant rieur, Sur la route des choses, Old priest, Young priest, and Portrait (2).

PASTEL.
F. C. D. Gourdin—Stormy Sunset Hongkong, Golden Sunset, Sunset (Kowloon), Eastern Scene (con'td) and Up River.

ARMED ROBBERY SEQUEL.

UNLAWFULLY RECEIVING.

INCrimINATING VEGETABLE SEEDS.

In connection with the armed robbery at the Hongkong Club Garden, Shaikwan, a Hoklo charged by Inspector Kent, of No. 2 Police Station, with unlawfully receiving a packet of stolen vegetable seeds, was this morning sentenced by Magistrate Orme to three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

The seeds, said the Inspector, were part of the booty stolen from the gardeners' quarters of the Hongkong Club garden, at 1.30 a.m., on December 6, when fourteen armed men all wearing masks broke into the matshed, and, after wounding the first and second gardeners, stole money, clothing, and twelve packets of seeds.

The defendant asserted that the packets of seeds found in his possession were picked up by him on the beach, but Commander C. W. Beckwith, R. N., who identified them as the property of the Hongkong Club garden, testified that the brand of seed in question was very uncommon in Hongkong as it was imported specially from California and used almost exclusively in the Hongkong Club garden. Commander Beckwith added that the defendant was well known to him, having been employed for two years as a folk in the Hongkong Club garden from which he was dismissed on the 28th of last month.

After hearing the evidence of the Principal Chinese Detective and Inspector Kent, the Magistrate remarked that the defendant could count himself fortunate that he was not charged with a more serious charge.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Right Reverend Bishop D. Pozzoni left the Colony to-day on a missionary visit and expects to be back on Sunday next.

H.M.S. "Carleise" gave a very successful dance at the Seamen's Institute last night. There was a good attendance, including many ladies.

At the public meeting held at Ipoh to consider arrangements for the visit of H.M.S. "Malaya," the chairman stated that he had ascertained from the Harbour Master at Penang that the warship could not come closer than 13 miles to Penang.

Sir William Rees-Davies, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, now on leave, who was expected to return to the Colony at the end of this month, has had his leave extended to next June. Acting Chief Justice Gompertz will continue to serve in his absence.

At a public meeting in Penang on Council reform, resolutions were passed that unofficial members should be given a majority, that the method of selection should be by popular election, that nonofficials should be British subjects, and that only British subjects should have a voice in the selection.

One fatal case of enteric fever, and one case of diphtheria, both Chinese, were reported yesterday. During the week eight deaths from influenza and two from plague, all Chinese, were reported, together with one case of enteric fever, British, and four cases of diphtheria (one fatal), one of which was British and the remainder Chinese.

Dr. C. W. Janssen, vice-president of the Colonial Institute of Amsterdam, Holland, a leading institution, of learning in that country, is a visitor in Canton. He is much interested in the government institutions in that city and paid a visit to some of the city halls and also schools, including Canton Christian College and the Young Men's Christian Association.

Revenue Officer Ward yesterday searched the s.s. "Borneo" on her arrival in port from Amsterdam and seized 845 tael of prepared non-Government opium and 420 tael of raw opium found on board. As the result of enquiries, a Chinese member of the crew was arrested and taken into custody. This morning Revenue Officer Ward formally charged the man before Magistrate Orme and applied for a remand as the Government Analyst's certificate was not yet to hand. The Magistrate remanded the case until to-morrow morning.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

His Excellency the Governor gave a small dinner party at Government House last evening. The guests present were—Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mrs. Holyoak, Lieut. Colonel A. Reiss, Mrs. Reiss, Miss Reiss, and Commander Hector Boyes, C. M. G., R. N.

"DEADWOOD DICK" CHINESE.

THREATEN SCHOOLBOYS.

INTENTION TO JOIN UNLAWFUL SOCIETY.

Two men charged by Inspector Grant with having intimidated a schoolboy to join an unlawful society were this morning sentenced by Magistrate Smith to one month and three months' imprisonment with hard labour, respectively, both to receive eight strokes.

Evidence was given that having already extorted money from several schoolboys, the defendants threatened the complainant with bodily harm if he failed to raise the \$15 entrance fee to their society, the Woo Kee Tong. The police were informed and the boy was given \$1 to hand to the defendants who were arrested by detectives lying in wait for them at the meeting place.

The discovery in the defendants' pockets of the winding handle of a gramophone and a flat piece of iron shaped like a revolver, which they used to intimidate the complainant, led the Magistrate to remark that the defendants were apparently of the "Deadwood Dick" type.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

The s.s. "West Neris," Captain Wilson, 4,518 tons, arrived this morning at 6.16 a.m. from Manila with 291 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Laomedon," Captain T. W. Hanney, 4,268 tons, arrived this morning at 7.45 a.m. from Singapore with 907 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Kyodo Maru No. 26," Capt. Harada, 2,020 tons, arrived this morning at 9 a.m. from Dairen with 3,400 tons of general cargo.

DEPARTURES.

The s.s. "Fushimi Maru," Captain Machida, sailed for Seattle via Shanghai at 11 a.m. to-day with 1,000 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Haimun," Captain Paze, sailed for Haiphong at noon to-day with 500 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "West Hika," Captain Poulsen, sails for Los Angeles via Manila at 5 p.m., to-day with 400 tons of general cargo.

CLEARINGS.

The s.s. "Pin Samud," Siamese, cleared to-day and will sail for Bangkok via Haiphong and Hoihow at 9 a.m., to-morrow.

The s.s. "Takasing," Br., cleared to-day and will sail for Haiphong at 10.30 a.m., to-morrow.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

A GENERAL MEETING of the QUEEN'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION will be held in Queen's College, Room 9, on MONDAY evening, December 20th, at 5.30 p.m.

BUSINESS.—To elect Officers-Bearers. To draw up Rules etc. To draw up provisional programme of events.

Any other business.
You are earnestly requested to endeavor to be present and to inform any Old Boys of your acquaintance who are not already members.

JOHN C. FLETCHER, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, December 14, 1920.

NOTICE.

HOLDERS of Temporary Bonds of CREDIT NATIONAL 1919 are notified that these bonds have to be exchanged in Paris against definitive bonds before March 1921.

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Hongkong, December 14, 1920.

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OWING to unalterable circumstances the Dockyard Recreation Club's WHIST DRIVES will be suspended until further notice.

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EXHIBITION GAMES.

WEDNESDAY, 15th December, 1920.

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Edward L. Hall, writes in the *New York Evening Post*—
China is waking up! America must meet her on an entirely new footing. No longer is there a place for the slipshod and careless sort of business which was, perhaps, effective a few years ago. China wants what we have, but she wants it the best. It is up to America to see that she gets it.

Typical of this new situation are the building and equipment of Shanghai's oldest newspaper, the first of 300 now printed in the different cities of China.
Walking up Shanghai's "News" paper Row, I entered the five-story reinforced concrete building of the forty-eight-year-old paper and a smiling office boy showed me with much ceremony into the editorial office. It was a splendid room, big, handsomely furnished, completely equipped. Indeed, it was totally unlike an American editorial sanctum resembling rather the reception room of a big industrial concern.

The editor and I chatted of the needs of the new China and of the part America may play in this development if she is wise. In connection with this big opportunity he mentioned especially the work of the Y.M.C.A., which he said not only stands for the things China needs, but is actively at work helping her to get them.

Then, "Would you like to see the plant?" he asked. Now, I come of a newspaper family in a small town in Indiana, and once a newspaper man always a newspaper man. There is something mighty fascinating in the machinery, whether it be the crude equipment of my Hoosier town paper or the mighty presses of a metropolitan daily. The "workings" of a Chinese paper were absolutely irresistible.

FAMILIAR SIGHTS AND SOUNDS.
I started on my tour of inspection under the guidance of a sub-editor, expecting to be amused. Visions of small, creaky presses came to me. My guide swung a door open. There was a sudden roar sweet as music to newspaper ears—a smell of damp paper and hot ink fragrant as jasmine tea or the honeysuckle on a well-remembered porch in that Indiana town. Before me a big Porter sextuple press worked steadily, smoothly. Capable of turning out 48,000 twelve-page papers in an hour, it had cost \$40,000 in United States gold.

"You have an American mechanic?" I asked. It was quite obvious, I thought, that they had. Indeed, I looked around to catch sight of my fellow countryman.
But "No," said my guide, smiling again. "Chinese mechanics take care of it! The company which installed the press sent a mechanic from the States. It took him six weeks to train our men to care for it in proper fashion. They do it very well."

I watched the pressmen work, more quietly than Americans, and saw that they did, indeed, "do it very well." Given tools, the Chinese soon learn to use them efficiently.
My guide, by being firmly, politely insistent, succeeded in dragging me away from the press and leading me through the rest of the building. On the main floor are the offices, on the second the editorial rooms and the library, on the third the composing room and electro-plating equipment.

EIGHT THOUSAND LETTERS.
I lingered in the composing room. The Chinese compositors were setting type from cases ten feet long, which

WHAT ABOUT FOUR TYRES?

Buying automobile tyres is like buying eggs. All look very much alike—the had, ones look as good as the good ones, and the "no-name" tyres as well as the product of which any manufacturer may well be proud.

The "no name" tyre may have all the beauty and symmetry of the nationally known tyre and yet be made out of shoddy. Its not reasonable to believe that a motorist can get a tyre "just as good" as a standard make for half the price.

The car owner who buys bargain tyres is like the woman who bought a dozen eggs from a "friend" at 10 cents below the price her groceryman quoted. When she broke the shells, four of them were bad, so the eight good eggs cost her more than the groceryman's price for twelve good eggs.

In tyre mileage, its not first costs that count but costs per mile. Adding the cost of repairs to the purchase price and dividing by the mileage, will quickly convince even the most confirmed bargain hunter.

Cost comparisons personally concern every buyer of tyres. One of the "Big Four" manufacturers of tyres has not only maintained "before-the-war" tyre mileage prices but actually reduced mileage costs 44%. Within three years this company has also increased its mileage 115%. It is only natural that Miller sales have increased 500% since the pre-war period.

contained 8,000 boxes, each representing a Chinese character in common use. Their fingers flew while they worked as quickly as do most Americans with one three-hundredth the number of letters.

"We hope," said my guide, as he again pried me away, "to have modern linotype machines soon. That cannot be, of course, until we obtain our new alphabet, an alphabet which will bring our 8,000 characters down to thirty-nine. It is in no way akin to your English lettering, but is adapted peculiarly to the needs of the Chinese."

How much, I thought, looking back to those long cases, those thirty-nine letters, are going to mean to the average Chinese! For years 95 per cent of the people have been kept from reading because of the vast difficulty of the task. No wonder my guide stood straighter and his eyes glowed as he told me of it.

When that day comes," he concluded, "China will be really awake. Her vast population will have a real chance. And we will have a strictly modern plant to match our press."

I saw one other thing—besides that beautiful editorial office—which would be strange in an American newspaper building. For the Shanghai newspaper has followed the example of the many great industrial concerns in America which have learned from experience the wisdom of training their employees for their particular jobs and of looking out for their welfare.

"We are trying to get men of better education, for we know they can give better service," my guide explained as he let me to the top floor, where are dormitory and pleasant clubrooms and a well-equipped schoolroom. "We have classes where our men study two hours each morning under qualified teachers." Imagine that in a newspaper office in America—if you can!

"SUDDEN IMPULSES."

REMARKABLE EXAMPLE.

NERVE SPECIALIST'S VIEWS.

A Harley-Street Nerve Specialist writes in a Home paper—
Cases of suicide by jumping in front of trains have been rather frequent of late, and suggestions have been made that these poor unfortunates have given way to a "sudden impulse."

"These incidents may awaken feelings of uneasiness in the minds of the highly strung and sensitive, as the inclination to do something tragic or bizarre is one of the most common manifestations of ordinary neurosis which is met with in the consulting-room of the nerve specialist."

An example of this sudden feeling of being compelled to do something horrible and totally contrary to one's inclination and judgment is illustrated in the following case.

An officer came to me one day in the early part of 1918. His appearance suggested a state bordering on collapse. He told me that for months past he had been feeling generally nervous and overstrung, but had "carried on" because he felt it his duty to do so at that time, when every man was needed.

On the previous evening, he said, he had visited a music-hall and had felt himself suddenly overwhelmed with a desire to shout out: "God bless the Kaiser and the German Army!"

Well, as he was a hot-blooded Irishman who had come from the other end of the globe at the beginning of the war, and as in addition he was an enthusiastic rider to hounds, absolutely incapacitated by wounds from ever getting on a horse again, the true nature of his anxiety for the Kaiser and his army's well-being can be imagined.

He had spent a night of mental horror, tortured by the idea that he was going insane and his awful plight if he had not succeeded in escaping from the music-hall before his "compulsion" had been effected.

He was speedily reassured of his sanity, and it was explained to him that it was only his nervous system creaking and jarring under the strain, and warning him that it was impossible to go on unless it were overhauled. He made a complete recovery under treatment, but stoutly maintains to this day that he suffered more concentrated agony in that episode than in any experience in the field.

The above is a good example of a compulsion neurosis, but the sufferer therefrom may take consolation from the fact that in my pretty extensive experience I have never known a patient to carry out a compulsion. The mental agony is acute and, if the "compulsion" is sufficiently strong and the patient sufficiently sensitive, an hysterical manifestation may result, but the dreaded act will not take place.

The patient who suffers from these distressing ideas is always willing to discuss them and finds a relief in discussing them with the psychologist; this is the diagnostic feature of supreme importance between compulsion and other less benign mental conditions.

In addition to this the sufferer can comfort himself or herself with the knowledge that, no matter how dreadful the form of the compulsion, it is not evidence of unsound mind, but is a direct warning that there is urgent need of immediate treatment.

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Mr Denman Fuller yesterday gave a piano recital at the Helena May Institute that was in every way a finished performance. It was his first recital after an illness of four months—a fact that made his excellent accomplishment the more remarkable.

Throughout the programme, Mr Fuller interpolated brief explanations of the pieces he was offering, which were greatly appreciated by the audience. Included on the programme were four selections from Chopin: Arensky's "Arabesque"; Debussy's "Serenade of The Doll"; Ravel's "Pavane"; Colin Taylor's "Boats"; Macdowell's "Moonshine"; Selim Palmgren's "Maynight"; Cyril Scott's "Danse Negre"; Rachmaninoff's "Prelude"; Liszt's "Dream of Love"; and concluded with a "Hunting Song" by Isaac.

WHAT IS MOTION?

THE EINSTEIN THEORY.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO MAKE IT CLEAR.

Lecturing at University College, Mr. G. B. Jeffery dealt with the question, What is motion? Two lines of inquiry, he said, presented themselves, to the physicist. First, by which of the many schemes would Nature appear most "simple," and secondly, were there any laws of Nature that we could discover which should be absolutely independent of whatever point of view we adopted? Newton followed the first plan. Having discussed this plan and found it wanting, the lecturer said that investigators had had to fall back on the second line of inquiry, that is, that any laws of Nature which we discovered were really laws, plus our frame of reference, by which expression the physicists indicated laws of nature viewed in the light of our particular assumption as to what was at rest in the universe. Einstein's problem was to answer the question: Einstein's Are there any laws of Nature which remain true to all frames of reference? If he could solve this difficulty he would have discovered laws which are really those that Nature obeys, and we can take any frame of reference that we like when dealing with them.

Einstein proposed three tests in which his theory would differ from the accepted laws of physics. The first was the existence of a slight difference amounting to about 42 seconds in a century in the position of the planet Mercury. The second was that a ray of light might be slightly bent when it passed near to the sun or any other celestial body. Thirdly, that light coming from the sun might be slightly redder than corresponding light from a terrestrial source.

The first two of these tests had been definitely confirmed by observation. The third was still in doubt, and general opinion at present was inclined to rebut the idea. In establishing these results Einstein made great use of the equivalence hypothesis. The additional weight of atmosphere that the airman felt when flying might be due either to upward acceleration or to an increase of gravitation. Einstein held both ideas justifiable. By looking at some physical phenomena we could compare the laws of physics which would hold where gravitation existed with those which hold in the absence of gravity, as, for instance, the feasibility of hanging up a "hat" on the air in a lift descending unchecked.

This work of comparison was Einstein's greatest achievement. He had established a connection between gravitation and the rest of physics. Before his research started no such idea existed.

CH ENTAO ATROCITIES.

MISSIONARY CHARGES.

REPLY BY JAPANESE WAR OFFICE.

Tokyo, December 5. The following statement has been issued by Major General Sato on behalf of the Japanese War Office, in reply to charges brought by missionaries of Japanese atrocities in the Chientao district. The statement is issued textually as received.

Speedy executions and burning of houses have been rendered necessary, because the Chinese have shall accomplish their task of stamping out outlawry and Korean plots as speedily as possible and then withdraw.

The very nature of the task requires either a slow deliberate procedure or a quick dash, smashing the centres of trouble, regardless of the fact that some innocent persons probably suffer.

It is a coincidence that many of the plotters who have been executed were Christians, but the plotters in many cases ally themselves with the Missions for the sake of the security thus afforded.

THE MISSIONS TO BLAME.
The missionaries who are now accusing the Japanese troops of cruelty are themselves the cause of the tragedy. I regret that Koreans are not alive to the fact that their real grievance is against these mischief-making missionaries. Japan allows full religious liberty, but cannot allow treason which threatens to undermine the foundations of the Empire.

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EMPIRE BOATS AGAIN CARRY MAIL.

Writing from Vancouver, B.C., on Nov. 18, the correspondent of the *N.C. Daily News* stated that after negotiations lasting five months an agreement was reached a few days ago between the Canadian Government and the officials of the Canadian Pacific Oriental Service. This agreement calls for all Canadian mail to the Orient, delivered at Vancouver and Victoria, being carried at a fixed price per pound—the same terms now in force for the delivery of United States mail to the Far East.

The news that a settlement had been reached between the Government and the steamship line officials was welcomed on the coast, as during the deadlock, all who had correspondence with China and Japan, and the business men particularly, had the unpleasant experience of knowing that while many cars of mail matter from American sources were being loaded on Canadian Pacific liners here, not a single letter of Canadian origin could be accepted, the post office instead sending the mail to its destination via slower Japanese boats.

In announcing the settlement of the dispute, the post office officials here, announced that the arrangements made for sending mail to the Orient direct from Vancouver or Victoria does not include general mail matter but only such as is specifically directed "Via C.P.R. Steamers."

During the period when Canadian mail was being refused by Canadian Pacific steamers, merchants and manufacturers here, assert, many thousands of dollars worth of business was lost by the disadvantages they suffered in having their mail reach China and Japan many days later than that of their American competitors.

THE MANILA CARNIVAL.

NEXT YEAR'S SHOW.

PREPARATION IN HAND.

Manila is planning to have a bigger carnival next year than ever due to the coincidence of dates of the regular yearly carnival show, which has now become famous, and the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of the Philippine Islands by Magellan. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Yearley of Manila are in Shanghai enthusiastically working for the Carnival and Mr. Yearley is waiting for a consignment of amusement devices which are coming over from America on the R.M.S. "Empress of Russia," among which are a big Elfers wheel, and an electric aeroplane swing. Mr. Yearley, Mr. Frank Churchill, and Mr. Stewart Tate are owners of the "Big-Three Shows" and have charge of the amusements of the Carnival, which constitute, of course, the biggest part of the show.

Last year's old amusement devices, the merry-go-rounds, the monkey wheel, etc., are to be used again. The Carnival lasts nine days, from January 29 to February 6 and the president of the Carnival Association is Manuel Quezon, President of the Senate. Mr. Vargas is Director-General. The committee had originally planned the celebration next year to partake of the nature of an exposition or a world's fair but the idea was set aside on account of the general financial depression, and this later plan of amalgamating the two events on a smaller scale and calling it the Magellan Carnival, was introduced in its stead.

An appropriation of about Pesos 1,000,000 is expected, which promises that next year's Carnival will be the best Manila has had since 1908, which was the first one. The Carnival grounds have been increased about one-fourth and the auditorium which is being built for the Carnival balls will be most magnificent. The Manila hotel is increasing its capacity in anticipation of the crowds of people who will be flocking in for the event and two large new family hotels have just been opened up.

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EDISON'S INVENTION

AN INTERESTING ARGUMENT.

If a ghost can whisper, the living henceforth will hear. That is the substance of the announcement which Mr. Edison has made. He has invented an apparatus which, receiving whatever comes to it from the vasty deep, "will magnify the slightest effort which it intercepts, and give us whatever form of record we desire." There will be no more need for spirits to communicate by the clumsy and undignified methods of table rapping, through the not always edifying person of a medium, or by starting and incomprehensible shocks. Henceforth they will, if so disposed, ring us up through Mr. Edison's apparatus. We have no dogmatic convictions as to the possibility or impossibility of communication between the visible and invisible world, but this claim seems to us a trifle bold. Mr. Edison is certainly no visionary, yet how can he be sure that the spirits of the dead, if such there be, are able to exert any material power, even "the slightest conceivable effort," for which he stipulates? How can he know that even if they have such power they will decide to use it? We do not gather that he has any very sure and certain hopes of communication. He is not convinced that men have any individual immortality. He describes the human body as composed of myriads of minute entities which live for ever. He considers it "conclusively proved that

our personality resides in that part of the brain known as the fold of Broca," and to him the whole question of personal immortality is, "What happens to the master entities" there enthroned? Discharged by death, the rest of us goes about its business, breaks up and seeks new work in the universe. If the "personality entities" also disintegrate there is an end, but if not, then there is individual immortality, and the ghosts' microphone "ought to be of some use." The argument is of interest, but we fear that few psychologists or philosophers will admit there is conclusive proof, or any proof at all, that man's personality has its local habitation and its being in Broca's convolution. This is not a matter to be argued here. What we can call all judge is the fallacy of the assumption that if human personality continues to exist beyond the grave, it must needs be able and willing to speak to those in this world through Mr. Edison's microphone, or any other medium. Though we believe in the will and the desire, we cannot be certain that a being without perceptible existence has the power to use perceptible means. It seems, then, that if Mr. Edison's machine remains dumb, if not "the slightest conceivable effort" is recorded from the unseen, we shall still have no sort of evidence for denying that spirits may haunt the vasty deep or that man may have an immortal soul. What confidence we should gain in affirming our immortality if an effort was recorded, if the dead did speak, is a more doubtful question; but we may await the event before we judge the case.—Daily Telegraph.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

CORK CITY IN FLAMES.

LONDON, December 12th. Fifty men ambushed a military lorry at Seaview, Co. Limerick, which was placed under martial law on Friday night. A fight ensued in which seven of the assailants and one soldier were wounded. The captured lorry was then set on fire and the soldiers were thrown from the surrounding houses into the flames. One soldier who was wounded has since died. Following the ambush of the lorry, a great part of Cork City was burned down. The amount of the damage resulting from the fire at Cork is estimated at roughly £2,500,000. So far it has been reported that two have been killed and 14 wounded in the fire during the night. The whole of the city is now under the control of the military who are remaining on duty indefinitely with the object of preventing further damage.

LONDON, December 12th. The fire in Cork is still raging and is spreading considerably. The area of devastation is very extensive. The outbreak began in shops in Patrick Street at 10 o'clock in the evening, the "Cathedral" hour. Shortly afterwards the City Hall and Municipal Buildings, a quarter of a mile distant, were found to be on fire. The flames spread to the City Hall and the City Hall and all three splendid buildings were destroyed. The buildings destroyed by the fire include great drapery and out-fitting houses in Market Arcade, and scores of other establishments occupying the greater part of the Southern side of Patrick Street. By night the scene of ruin is terrible and overwhelming beyond expression. Terrifying explosions of bombs, the firing of shots and the crashing collapse of burning buildings add to the horror of the scene and all the inhabitants with consternation. It is reported that several of the military, who were ambushed before the fire had been found killed.

LONDON, December 11th. The counties in which martial law has been proclaimed are Cork, Tipperary, Kerry and Limerick.

VIOLENT ELECTION SCENES.

LONDON, December 12th. The non-co-operation movement in India has assumed the form of intimidation at Lahore where wild scenes have taken place at the election to the Government Council. Members of Mr. Gandhi's non-co-operation party assembled at the polling stations and roughly handled the voters and assaulted several candidates. Numbers were consequently afraid to vote.

A crowd stoned an Indian honorary magistrate, whose son fired three shots from his house, wounding three boys. The crowd tried to rush the house, but the police dispersed them.

The Seditious Meetings Act is being again enforced at Delhi for three months, in order to prevent violent inflammatory speeches, and the Indian volunteer bands, which have been interfering with voters and trying to secure a social boycott of their political opponents, have been declared unlawful.

COMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE.

WASHINGTON, December 11th. The Communications Conference has come practically to a deadlock on the subject of the distribution of cables. It may adjourn to enable the representatives to return to consult the Governments of America, Canada, Britain and Italy supported, while France and Japan opposed, the proposal of the joint ownership of the ex-German cables, instead of distribution among the five Powers. The French and the Japanese also opposed the internationalization of island cables, like Yap, which are a centre of communications.

It is stated that the American proposal of allocation of the cables from Guam to Yap to the United States, from Yap to the Dutch Indies to Holland, and from Yap to Shanghai to Japan met with opposition from the Japanese, who claimed for Japan the retention at least of a half interest in the Guam to Yap and Yap to the Dutch Indies cables.

France determined to oppose the American proposal to divert the Azores cable to Geneva dividing it between the United States and Italy. As regards the Halifax-Pennance cable, Great Britain has already acceded to the desire of the United States to restore the New York-Edinburgh connection, in consideration of the transfer to Great Britain of one of the American transatlantic cables between England and Canada. The Americans, also, opposed Great Britain's alleged desire permanently to control the German cables which she is now working.

Mr. Davies, the acting Secretary of State, has laid the whole question before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

LONDON, December 11th. The Daily Telegraph correspondent at Washington says that an American-Japanese deadlock has been reached regarding the control of the cable station on Yap Island. Japan absolutely insisting on retaining the German cables in the Pacific, while American naval authorities opposed the relinquishment of Yap on strategic grounds.

WASHINGTON, December 11th. It is announced that the State Department and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee are operating to obtain recognition of the United States distribution of ex-German cables.

Senator Lodge, Chairman of the Committee, stated that the Committee has given qualified approval to the stand America has taken in the International Communications Conference.

According to the officials attending the Communications Conference at Washington an impasse is threatened by the union of the French and the Japanese delegates against Great Britain, Italy and the United States.

NEW SILVER COINAGE.

LONDON, December 12th. The new standard silver coinage, half alloy, comes into operation on December 13th. Not only will the Treasury profit by calling in old coinage, but the coins will be harder and last longer.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

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NEW REGIME IN GREECE.

PARIS, December 12th. The Greek Government's invitation to Constantine prohibits the return of Dr. Street, the notorious pro-German ex-Foreign Minister, who will remain at Lucerne.

SILVER PRICES.

New York, December 11th. Many silver mines in Canada, the United States and Mexico have suspended production owing to the fall in the price of the metal.

MORAN-BECKETT FIGHT.

By a misreading of a telegram yesterday it was made to appear that Beckett won the heavyweight contest at Albert Hall. The correct reading of the message was that Moran knocked out Joe Beckett in the second round.

A later telegram states that Beckett did well in the first round, getting home a right to the jaw and ribs and left hooks to the head. Moran got a right to the body. Moran missed a right swing and took a left hook to the jaw. In the second round, the exchanges were fairly even. Moran was warned for holding, then, in some in-fighting, Moran succeeded in bringing off terrific right upper-cuts to the point of knocking out Beckett.

AMERICA'S FOREIGN TRADE.

CHICAGO, December 12th. The Foreign Trade Conference has voted in favor of proceeding immediately with the reorganization of the Foreign Trade Corporation with a capital of \$100,000,000. The object of the Corporation is to reorganize the American export trade which has been adversely affected by the rate of exchange with Europe. A Committee has been appointed to deal with the question of underwriting.

SIGNOR CARUSO.

New York, December 12th. Signor Caruso burst a blood vessel in his throat while singing. It is believed that his condition is not serious.

WHOLESALE SHOOTING.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 11th. The Provisional Revolutionary Committee of Sebastopol has published the first list of civilians and soldiers shot by the orders of the Extraordinary Commission since November 28th. The lists contain nearly 3,000 names, of whom 400 are the names of women.

ANTI-TRUST ACTIVITY.

WASHINGTON, December 11th. The Federal Trade Commission, in its annual report, recommends the re-opening of the Government's investigation into the International Harvester Company, and bringing judicial proceedings against a number of associations concerned with dealing in farm implements.

"ASSOCIATION OF NATIONS."

MARION (Ohio), December 12th. Senator Harding has invited Mr. Bryan to give his views regarding the proposed Association of Nations. The invitation is regarded as important, as indicating the readiness of Senator Harding to go outside his own party for advice.

FOR STARVING CHILDREN.

LONDON, December 12th. Mr. Hoover has appealed to all the churches for a special collection on December 19th for the destitute children of Central Europe.

FRENCH AND CHINESE AFFINITIES.

PARIS, December 9th. A Havas message says: "Relating before the Parliamentary Committee for Commerce the experiences of the recent mission to China, the ex-Premier, M. Painleve, laid stress on the hearty welcome he and the other members of the Mission met with everywhere in China. M. Painleve then dwelt upon the special character of China's present disturbances, and the leading part played by public opinion in the young republic's evolution. M. Painleve pointed out the affinities between the French and the Chinese civilisations, and expressed the wish that a scientific institution may soon be established in China under the auspices of the Paris University for training Chinese students in French methods and technical processes. M. Painleve wound up by advocating French and Chinese co-operation in industrial and commercial fields."

JAPAN OBJECTS TO DISARMAMENT.

LONDON, December 12th. A Geneva telegram says that at a meeting of the Armaments Sub-Committee, Baron Shii said that Japan objected to observing the conditions of disarmament proposed by the League, while the other big Powers outside the League would not observe them. Japan would increase her armaments in accordance with her programme next year and probably the year after.

DR. WELLINGTON KOO'S PROTEST.

GENEVA, December 11th. Dr. Wellington Koo, addressing journalists, protested against Baron Hayashi's reference to China, and said that the disturbances were superficial and local. China was on her way to success in the first democratic experiment in Asia, and relied on the League to help her. The question of Shanghai will be brought up when the League was less busy.

CONSIDERING OPIUM TRAFFIC PROBLEM.

GENEVA, December 11th. The Commission considered the question of the control of opium traffic and the treatment of women and children. It was decided to organize general conferences to consider what decision should be taken.

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MONEY TIGHT.

POSITION IN SHANGHAI.

EFFECT ON CHARITABLE APPEALS.

If any proof were needed of the tightness of money in our midst we have but to look at the results of recent charitable appeals, says John in the Shanghai Mercury. Shanghai has always enjoyed a good name for its generosity in this respect and when trade was flourishing we were as open-handed as any community. But with the business situation as it is to-day it is not to be wondered at that even the Famine Fund contributions are still about eighty per cent. short of the first five million mark aimed at. Then there is the War Memorial Fund. In the absence of any official pronouncement to the contrary we must take it that the original scheme is still being proceeded with, yet there has been no great rush on the part either of hong or individuals to remedy the rather depressing financial aspect of the situation. I notice that Hongkong is almost certain to abandon the idea of spending the required sum (\$125,000 I think) on a monument and, instead, will allocate by far the greater part of the subscription to a Union Jack Club for the men of the services and civilians. This is as it should be and a similar announcement in Shanghai would probably make a difference to the treasurer's receipts. I pass the idea on from Hongkong for what it is worth. Much good work is already being done in our Settlement for the men on the warships, but there is always room for more and I feel sure that, if a much more simple monument to the glorious dead were agreed upon, funds would readily accumulate for any scheme which was intended to benefit Allied men in uniform. There need be no suggestion of selfishness or meanness about such a change in plans, for in so helping the men in blue, we all know that while honouring ourselves we are at the same time carrying out the wishes of those who have gone who themselves went through the mill before being taken.

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